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THE CHRONICLE IS MISTAKEN.

In the editorial department of the
Houston Chronicle of last Sunday
this paragraph appeared:

"The Texas Farmers' Congress, rep-
resenting the allied farm, orchard
and garden interests of this state, at
its last annual meeting urged the ap-
pointment of a majority of practical
farmers on the board of trustees of
the state Agricultural and Mechan-
ical college. Governor Campbell saw
fit to make appointments of another
character. The College still closes
its courses against youths who do
not possess a certain amount of clas-
sical book learning to begin with. It
still insists upon their spending years
in adding to such learning, no matter
if their own judgement leads them to
prefer to spend their whole school
time on studies that will make them
more successful farmers and stock
raisers and orchardists. But there
will be other governors, and in time
the state farm college may be shaped
up to suit the farmers."

As the Eagle has heretofore said,
the request of the Farmers' Congress
is reasonable and it is a matter of
regret to many friends of the college
that the governor has ignored it.
There is no just ground of complaint,
however, that the present board of
directors has not conducted the in-
stitution wisely and in pursuance of
the objects for which it was estab-
lished.

But it is not true, as the Chronicle
asserts, that "the college still closes
its courses against youths who do
not possess a certain amount of clas-
sical book learning" is required as a
condition of entering any of the three
courses in agriculture, horticulture,
and animal husbandry. If the editor
of the Chronicle will refer to the last
annual catalogue (if he has not pre-
served the copy sent him he can get
another on application) he will find
what the requirements are. The
only one of the three courses in ag-
riculture for which a standard of at-
tainments in studies is prescribed is
the full four-year course. The exam-
ination for this course includes: Al-
gebra to quadratics; English gram-
mar, and composition, history of the
United States; and an outline of gen-
eral history. Will anybody claim
that there is any "classical book
learning" in this? And even this ex-
amination, simple as it is, may be
dispensed with at the discretion of
the president.

Nor is it true that in any of the
courses in agriculture the college
"still insists upon their spending
years in adding to such learning." The
four-year course in agriculture
includes nothing that can properly
be called "classical book knowledge." On
the contrary, everything, with one
unimportant exception, is of direct
practical value to the farmer, the hor-
ticulturist and the stock-raiser. The
single exception is that the student
is required to learn enough of mili-
tary science to enable him to under-
stand the drill regulations which are
maintained for the sake of discipline,
and this requires very little of his
time.

For the benefit of those who "pre-
fer to spend their whole school time
on studies that will make them more
successful farmers and stock-raisers
and orchardists"—in other words, for
the sake of those who lack the time,
the means or the inclination to take
the full course in scientific agricul-
ture, a two-years course is provided,
for which there is no entrance exam-
ination whatever. A glance over page
48 of the catalogue will convince any-
one who is willing to do the college
justice that this short course includes
nothing that is not absolutely essen-
tial to one who makes any preten-
sion to being an educated farmer,
gardener or stock-raiser.

But this is not all. The directors
and faculty have perfected plans for
holding a Summer school for Far-
mers, in connection with a Summer
Normal School, the announcement of
which has just been printed and is
now ready for distribution. The Sum-
mer school for farmers embraces
short courses in agriculture, hor-
ticulture and animal husbandry, so ar-
ranged that related subjects may be
completed within two weeks. The
college buildings, apparatus, experi-

ment station, farm, orchards, gardens
and live stock of all kinds will be
used to illustrate the instruction
given in these courses and the ex-
pense of maintenance is reduced to
the lowest possible minimum.

These facts demonstrate that the
Chronicle has misstated the case
and that its strictures are unjust. If
it wishes to be fair it will retract and
apologize for its unfounded aspersion
of the most useful institution of learn-
ing in this state. But there is reason to
suspect that the Chronicle has been
nursing a grudge against the board
of directors of the A. and M. College
ever since they failed to elect its can-
didate, Professor Horn of Houston,
to the presidency of the college, in-
stead of choosing Honorable R. T.
Miller, the present able incumbent.

CARRY SAME AMOUNT.

Eight Million Dollars For Two
Years Asked.

Austin, March 8.—Senate adopted a
resolution to hold sessions every night
this week to consider local bills.

Senator Senter had adopted a resolu-
tion accepting the letter of Mr. Bar-
nett Gibbs of Dallas of a portrait of
the late Lieutenant Governor Gibbs, to
be placed in the senate chamber.

The senate refused to concur in the
house amendments to the full crew bill
and Coffey, Meachum, Brachfield and
Mayfield were appointed conferees on
the part of the senate.

On motion of Murray the senate
adopted a resolution that the chair
recognize each senator in turn, begin-
ning on the left side of the senate
chamber, and unless there be objec-
tions each senator will have the right
to call up for passage any bill he may
have.

Governor Campbell was on the floor
of the senate Monday and had a con-
ference with Lieutenant Governor Da-
vidson and Senator Willacy concern-
ing the status of the joint resolutions
validating school bonds, declared in-
valid by the supreme court and chang-
ing the form of organizing school dis-
tricts. The governor urged upon the
senate the urgent necessity of the passage of these mea-
sures, still pending in the senate.

Senator Willacy, chairman of the
senate finance committee, stated the
senate and house general appropria-
tion bills are ready, except a few
minor items, and that they will come
up in regular session.

Senator Willacy said that for the
first time in the history of the legis-
lature the house and senate bills carry
the same amount, which is a little
over \$8,000,000 for two years, and the
first time also that these bills have
been ready within sixty days.

The senate concurred in the house
amendments to the senate bill requir-
ing railroads to name stations after
postoffice names.

It adopted the free conference com-
mittee report on the bill making it a
criminal offense for a person to send
anonymous letters through the mail re-
flecting upon the character of persons,
the committee is sticking out the
house amendments.

The senate passed finally, the sen-
ate bill requiring a railroad engineer
to have had three years' experience
as a fireman, and train conductors to
have two years' experience as brake-
man before assuming the duties of en-
gineer or conductor.

It also passed finally the Hudspeth
mining prospector's bill, permitting
persons to prospect, making the law
more liberal on the subject.

Senator Kellie introduced a bill au-
thorizing the governor to investigate
the claim of \$184,000 said to be due
the state by the federal government
for protection of frontier from Indian
depredations.

Senator Willacy introduced a bill
amending the corporation laws so as
to permit a corporation to have two-
ty-one directors.

Montreal to Boom Athletics.

Members of the Montreal A. A. A. of
Montreal, Canada, intend making a de-
termined attempt to boom athletics,
erect a new clubhouse and to partici-
pate in international sports. At a re-
cent meeting of the directors the ad-
visability of erecting a palatial \$50,000
clubhouse was discussed, and the pro-
ject met with great favor. No definite
action was taken on the question, but
it is understood that the matter will
be settled shortly. It is planned to
create practically a new organization
along the old lines.

New Record For Ice Pacing.

A new mark for a paced mile on ice
was set by The Eel in an exhibition
at the Ottawa (Canada) race meet re-
cently. The horse was started for the
purpose of breaking the world's ice
record of 2:14½, made at Toronto two
years ago. The day was still and mild
and the track in perfect condition.
Three seconds were clipped off the old
record, as six official watches caught
the time as 2:11½. The quarter was
made in 32 seconds, the half in 1:06½
and the three-quarters in 1:30.

Phil May's Drawings.

The late Phil May was popularly
supposed to be the "lightning artist"
par excellence of England. It is quite
true that he could draw many won-
derful things "straight off." But when a
subject had been chosen for a Punch
illustration many drawings were made
from a model or models who first had
to be discovered. By a process of se-
lection each drawing of the subject
bore fewer lines. When the drawing
was published most of those who look-
ed at it thought that it had been done
with a few rapid strokes of the pen,
whereas it probably represented a
week's hard work.—London News.

The SPORTING WORLD

Career of Slosson.

Nobody in the realm of sport has
had a busier or more eventful career
than George Slosson, who recently de-
feated George Sutton for the 18.1 bil-
liard championship. He has been
champion at 18.1 balk line, at 18.2
balk line, at cushion caroms and at the
absolute champion's game in which the
corners were marked off with diagonal
lines.

His first public match was in 1870
in Springfield, Mass., at the old four
ball game. As a youth he once came
in contact with Michael Phelan, an



GEORGE SLOSSON, BILLIARD CHAMPION.

antebellum champion. Slosson has
gone right through the evolution of the
game up to its present point of sci-
entific development and kept pace with
it all the time.

Slosson is what is known as a fore-
arm player, manipulating his stroke
rigidly from the elbow down and with
a stiff wrist. He hasn't the ease and
elasticity of some players, but he is an
incessant worker, determined and a
thorough master of every fine point in
billiards. He is not the close player
that Sutton and Schaefer are, but as
an executor, general and all around
performer has no superior.

History Revised.

The Professor—What was it defeat-
ed Leonidas at Thermopylae? The
Bright Student—The new rules. He
held the pass too long.—Cleveland
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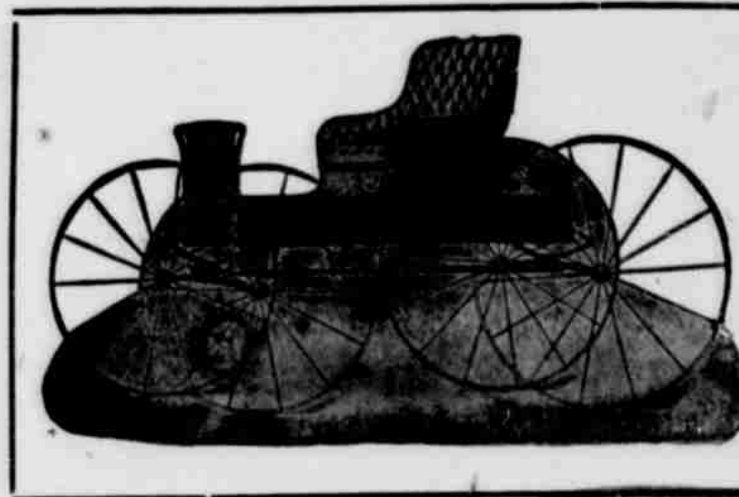
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